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TO: Medicaid Physicians and Pharmacy Providers

RE: Monthly Maximum Dosage Units

In an effort to foster appropriate drug utilization, Medicaid, upon consideration of the recommendations of the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, restricts reimbursement of selected products to a limited thirty day supply. Enclosed is a complete listing of all maximum unit limits currently on the Medicaid file for your reference.

Recognizing that the treatment of some patients may require extraordinary means, an override process is in place. In order to provide authorization for doses exceeding the monthly maximum units, additional information regarding the patient's diagnosis and medical justification is needed. Overrides for patients requiring a higher monthly dosage may be requested by calling Health Information Designs, Inc. (HID) at 1-800-748-0130, or by fax at 1-800-748-0116. The prescribing physician or dispensing pharmacist may initiate this process by submitting the enclosed Maximum Unit Override Request Form.

If a patient presents to the pharmacy with a prescription for more than the monthly limit, the pharmacy or physician should contact HID for an override. A patient can not be charged cash for quantities in excess of the 30-day limit unless an override has been requested and denied. Once an override request has been requested and denied because the patient failed to meet medical necessity criteria, the excessive quantity becomes a Medicaid non-covered service for that patient. The provider may charge cash for Medicaid non-covered services.

A copy of the compiled maximum unit list as well as the Override Request form is also available on the Medicaid web-site at www.medicaid.state.al.us.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Louise F. Jones, Associate Director, Program Management at 334-242-5050 or John Searcy, M.D., Medical Director at 334-242-5619.

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